

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006, directed to the above-identified U.S. patent application, please enter the herein response.

Amendment is made to the following claims:

1. A taste masking composition comprising at least one amino acid component having an unpleasant taste and sucralose in an amount sufficient to mask the unpleasant taste of the at least one amino acid component, wherein said at least one amino acid is not arginine or creatine.

5. The composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one amino acid is selected from the group consisting of L-alanine, L-aspartic acid, L-citrulline, L-cystine, L-glutamic acid, L-glutamine, L-histidine, L-isoleucine, L-leucine, L-lysine, L-methionine, D,L-methionine, L-~~ornithine~~, ornithine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, L-serine, L-threonine, L-tryptophan, L-tyrosine, L-valine, ~~creatine~~, carnitine and mixtures thereof.

19. A method of masking the unpleasant taste of an amino acid component in an amino acid containing composition, said method comprising adding to a composition containing at least one unpleasant tasting amino acid sucralose in an amount sufficient to mask the unpleasant taste of the at least one amino acid, wherein said at least one amino acid component is not arginine or creatine.

23. The method of claim 19 wherein said at least one amino acid is selected from the group consisting of L-alanine, L-aspartic acid, L-citrulline, L-cystine, L-glutamic acid, L-glutamine, L-histidine, L-isoleucine, L-leucine, L-lysine, L-methionine, D,L-methionine, L-~~ornithine~~ ornithine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, L-serine, L-threonine, L-tryptophan, L-tyrosine, L-valine, ~~creatine~~, carnitine and mixtures thereof.